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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

RECLOSABLE CONTAINER WITH AUTOMATIC CLOSURE SYSTEM

and invented by:

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 14 pages and including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
 - d. ☐ Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*
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- c. ☐ With Power of Attorney ☒ Without Power of Attorney
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,
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The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under
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6. ☐ CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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Accompanying Application Parts

9. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & document(s))*
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*
11. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
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17. ☐ Additional Enclosures (please identify below):

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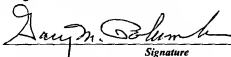
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3. Declaration (unsigned);
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